



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held January 17, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Undersheriff Larry Waldie, Assistant Sheriff Paul K. Tanaka, Chief Marc L. Klugman, Correctional Services Division, and Chief Sammy L. Jones, Custody Operations Division, Sheriff's Department, presented the attached reports detailing a current update on each of the 21 recommendations made in Merrick Bobb's November 2004 Special Report, including a summary of current technology utilized by other law enforcement agencies for monitoring inmate movement; an overview of risk management related procedures for the Sheriff Department's custody operations; and the status of a comprehensive jail security audit. Julie Ruhlin, Assistant to Special Counsel Merrick J. Bobb, responded to questions posed by the Board.

Jody Kent and Ricardo Garcia, representing the ACLU of Southern California, and Warren Williams also addressed the Board.

After discussion, Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"Proper classification and housing of inmates is vital for the safety of inmates and staff. Additionally, a complete and comprehensive internal investigation and a proper corrective action plan are necessary to prevent a similar incident in the future."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board requested the Sheriff to take the following actions:

1. Establish a quality assurance team that will be responsible for establishing and overseeing the transition to a centralized classification and housing system, including implementation and adherence of new protocols and policies, the timeliness and accuracy of reclassifications and ongoing staff training;
2. Provide the Board quarterly updates of the new centralized system;
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3. Provide a complete summary and analysis of inmate Cochran's death, including a root cause analysis and a corrective action plan by February 16, 2006.

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Attachment

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- Each Supervisor
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Letter sent to:

- Sheriff